

DISTRIBUTION OF MAPS AND ATLASES OF THE
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

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Mr. PERKINS, from the Committee on Printing, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. Res. 234.]

The Committee on Printing, having had under consideration the joint resolution (H. Res. 234) providing for the distribution of the maps and atlases of the United States Geological Survey, recommend that the same be agreed to.

The resolution only relates to the distribution. The sundry civil act approved March 2, 1895, contained this provision:

The Director of the Geological Survey, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, is authorized to sell copies of the topographic maps with the text at cost and ten per centum added.

This necessitates the sale of the sheets at 5 cents each, and appears to cut off the usual full distribution to universities, colleges, and libraries, foreign exchanges, etc. The resolution leaves the distribution subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, and provides that copies of each map or atlas, not exceeding 500, shall be distributed gratuitously among foreign governments and Departments of your own Government, to literary and scientific associations, etc., as may be designated by the Director of the Survey and approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

The resolution is approved by the Director of the Survey and by the Secretary of the Interior.

